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## the World

U. S. Marines freed the capital from the grip of warring gunmen Wednesday and opened the way for large air convoys of soldiers and supplies to relieve Somalia's starving masses. The first mercy flight to Mogadishu, which took place just hours after troops landed, brought in powdered formula for famished children and adults.

## the Nation

Convicted murderer Lawrencencia "Bambi" Bembenek's life prison sentence was reduced to 20 years on Wednesday in a deal with prosecutors to settle her demand for a new trial. Bembenek, a former police officer and Playboy Club waitress, was convicted of first-degree murder in 1982 for killing her former husband's ex-wife. That verdict was vacated Wednesday, and she pleaded no contest to second-degree murder. Both the prosecutor and her attorney said they believed Bembenek, 34, had served enough time to be eligible for parole under the new sentence. She first gained folk hero status with claims that she was framed by police and later with a prison escape that ended when she was captured in Canada.

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Patricia M. Wald, a judge on the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals, apparently emerged Wednesday as President-elect Clinton's first choice to become attorney general in the new administration.

## the State

Howard Curtis Reed, a Little Rock economist, became the first black member of the Country Club of Little Rock, a private club criticized earlier this year for not having black members. The decision to admit a black man may have been prompted by the national criticism President-elect Clinton received after he played golf at the club March 18 when he was raided for playing at a private club void of black members.

## the Campus

Finals officially begin Monday evening and continue Friday afternoon, when school will be dismissed until Jan. 13, 1993. Happy Holidays!!

## Contest/Exhibit features computer-generated art

by Mark Drum  
Bison staff writer

Computer-generated works make up the Stevens Gallery exhibit currently on display. A combined contest and exhibit, these art works feature plants, animals and various other drawings generated in computer graphic programs.

"This contest/exhibit has resulted from the introduction of the computer as a drawing tool in the art curriculum," said Daniel Adams, assistant professor of art. "The instructors wanted students to be familiar with using the computer for image making as a creative tool and also to reduce their apprehension about using a computer," he said.

Fifteen entries in the contest/exhibit represent the work of faculty members, a staff member, art students and two students from outside the art department. The only requirement for entry was that the work show image(s) primarily generated or manipulated through a great amount of computer use.

"We wanted to open the contest up campus-wide — to students, faculty and staff — to try their hand at creating a visual image on computer. We took an informal approach to judging so that entrants would not be worried about whether work was good enough," Adams explained.

The judging procedure is a bit different than that in most contests. Visitors to the exhibit are asked to complete ballots, indicating their preferences as to which works are the best. Entries have been categorized by the artists to be judged either for their technical content or for their creativity.



**COMPUTERIZED COMPANIONS.** Brian Watts' "Tilly," a 45 second animated video created with a Commodore Amiga program, is one of the many computer-generated pieces on display in the Stevens Art Gallery. (photo by David Hickman)

These computer-generated creations were produced primarily on the Macintosh. "The system has been set up as a graphic environment," Adams said, "and we think it is also easier to work with."

Although this is the first year for such an

art show, Adams hopes that it becomes an annual event. His dream for the future is for the idea to develop into a statewide, juried, computer graphics exhibit, judged by professionals from outside the university.

## Right attitude a key to surviving stress of final exams



by Amy L. Johnson  
Bison staff writer

Family Feud surveyed 100 people with this question: "Name one way you deal with stress." Survey said ... "the number one answer was 'eat.'" That may not be such a bad idea, according to Joni Mackey of the Counseling Center, as long as you eat a balanced diet.

With finals just next week, the stress can cause some strange things to happen on campus. Roommates turn into monsters. Otherwise sane people pull outlandish stunts in the dorms bringing the wrath of dorm managers. Normally well-groomed students walk the campus having rolled out of bed five minutes prior.

Finals week is survivable, however. Some Harding students have even been known to survive five years' worth of finals. Mackey offered these tips to students coping with finals stress.

- \* Prepare early. Don't get caught in the "last minute squeeze." Look at your calendar and take steps to meet studying requirements early. If your test is on Wednesday, don't start studying Tuesday night.

- \* Treat yourself right. Get some rest. You can't deal with the stress if you're too tired. Good nutrition is equally important. Get in your three meals a day and get a good variety of the types of food you need. Cut down on sweets and caffeine. Get plenty of exercise. Keep your body ready to react.

- \* Take breaks when studying. Stop and stretch. Take deep breaths, slowly exhaling to completely relax. You might take a mini-

vacation in your mind. Go somewhere safe and fun. If you can't go physically, go mentally.

- \* Take time for recreation. The dollar movie may be just what you need. Be able to rest your mind.

- \* Talk to others. Getting it all out can help.

- \* Cut down on as many outside stressors as you can to focus on the business at hand. Put other matters in a box to deal with later when you may be better equipped to face them anyway.

- \* Don't beat yourself over the head for things left undone — papers not turned in or projects not completed. It uses a lot of energy to be thinking, "I wish I had..." Forget it.

- \* Avoid self-medication such as No-doz and sleeping pills to stay awake or finally go to sleep. They interfere with the thought process.

- \* Keep a sense of humor.

- \* Count your blessings and pray about it.

- \* Be nice to yourself mentally and physically. Find things that make you feel good: a warm bath, a milkshake.

- \* Take it one day at a time.

Mackey said one of the most important points to remember is to prepare yourself with a positive mental attitude about the preparation time in studying and the whole process. Visualize yourself entering the classroom, sitting down, and doing well. "Negativism really cuts down on your ability to prepare. If you're in a race, you don't say 'I can't' and hope to finish. You say 'I can!'" Mackey said, "When all else fails, we're equipped to help."



## 'Tis the season to remember the good things about America

Have you ever noticed that most headlines scream of the bad news in America? All there seems to be is a focus on AIDS, murder, drugs, wars and starvation. It isn't often that a positive story appears.

Two weeks ago, we entered the season of thanksgiving. It's the season of peace on earth and good will toward men. It's a season when we need to see what is good about America instead of only seeing the bad. Too often we forget what is good and right about our nation. Too often, we only remember the bad.

That's what I love about Harding. This campus always takes time to remember the good. We greet the season with open arms. We light the campus with thousands of lights. In chapel, we get into the holiday spirit as Dr. Warren Casey leads us in "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

This is the season that takes hold of the American and reminds him of the many blessings this nation has to offer. It wasn't too long ago that the American Disability Act was passed. The act proved that America is willing to build around disabilities. In other societies, those who have disabilities are often left to die.

With a little bit of hard work, things can still happen. A few years ago, most would have scoffed at the idea that an American company could compete with a foreign one. Yet, Chrysler Corporation is closing the gap with foreign cars. The company realized that quality would have to be improved for the consumers. So they shifted gears and began meeting the demand.

There's so much hope in America. While we may never be able to solve all of our problems, our nation has an environment where solving problems is a possibility.

We live in a city that is becoming known as the "city of lights." As Searcy is a "city of lights," so America is still a country of lights. When the Statue of Liberty lifts her torch, her beacon still soothes those who need help. We are still a nation who is turned to when trouble arises. We are still a nation that values the light of an independent spirit.

America, despite all the bad, has a light that shines as brightly as ever.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

— Laura Lynn Gary

## 'Dead Week' can be beneficial if we can avoid its detriments

As the foreboding stillness of "Dead Week" quietly idles by, the reality of final exams roars louder in the near distance, echoing a reminder that all is not quite finished.

Sometimes it's easy to return from Thanksgiving break a bit lackadaisical and unfocused, undoubtedly an immediate result of too much turkey and free time. Although the break is valuable in terms of morale, it can be harmful if we let it impair our abilities to get back in gear for the numerous end-of-the-year projects, term papers and tests.

"Dead Week" is supposed to help students focus on the week ahead by limiting the extracurricular activities in which they can become involved. The reasoning behind such a service is that students don't need the added distraction of mandatory club functions, such as sports, meetings and parties, to interfere with their study preparations. The concept is essentially a noble effort to promote a period of meditation and moderation.

First, it forces students to appropriate their time differently. Instead of having to worry about which event is happening at what time on which night, they can focus on their exams more effectively.

Closely related to that, "Dead Week" helps free up time for students to work on their other year end projects, which often weigh heavily into the semester's average.

Finally, it helps remove any guilt associated with not showing up for extracurricular activities. Since there aren't any to attend, there isn't a need to make up excuses for studying. It basically gives students a full-proof excuse from socializing one week out of the year due to studying — practically the exact opposite of Pledge Week, in which students basically have a full-proof excuse from studying because they are too preoccupied with socializing.

These benefits of "Dead Week," however, aren't without possible accompanying detriments.

"Dead Week" creates an entirely different atmosphere for students. They're used to juggling things around, including social and academic activities. The absence of extracurriculars leaves students with an overload of academics. The change, which in itself can be beneficial, can alternately lead to an overabundance of stress, something which definitely hampers the study process.

This stress, once created, seeks some sort of release valve. Extracurricular activities offer that release, allowing students to blow off steam during sports or let it slowly evaporate during other get togethers. But that option isn't available when there aren't any organized activities available. Students, therefore, are left to find their own ways to deal with stress.

Perhaps the biggest detriment students face in a "Dead Week" is the illusion that they have too much time. Since they don't have to worry about extracurriculars, students might use the extra time catching up on sleep or doing things besides studying because they feel as if they have all the time in the world left to prepare for finals. Before they know it, they've slept too much and studied too little.

What might be beneficial to one might be detrimental to another — different strokes for different folks, right? So no matter what happens, some will win and some will lose. Whatever the case, "Dead Week" is nearly over and we will already have affected the outcome of our grades positively or negatively. It's not too late, though, to use the rest of the time to the maximum of its original intent — to help us prepare for the roar of exam week.

— Kevin Lange Kee

## Thank God for families this holiday season

"Family" has a different meaning for everyone. For some, the definition includes parents, grandparents, spouses, brothers, sisters, or even the widow lady down the street. Whatever the definition of family that we each have, we need to count our blessings and thank our families for all that they do for us.

Too often we become so involved with our own lives that we place our families and their feelings on the back burner. With this season of good will, thanksgiving and cheer, let's focus on just how much our families really do for us.

Yes, I do include myself in the category of sometimes not really realizing the true sacrifices my family really makes, but I would not trade my family for anything else in this world.

Some of the most memorable times during the last few

months for me have involved my family. My mom has come down twice during the last few months to be with me during stressful times. Even though the circumstances were not pleasant, the support of my mom helped me deal with the hard times.

We need to be thankful to God for the families with which He has blessed us. So often we go out of our way to help others, which is very good, but what about going out of our way to do something nice for our families this holiday season? We can show them how much we care by sacrificing something for them, which can be meaningful for everyone.

Our families are the greatest gift that we have on this earth. So, we need to thank the dear Lord for our families with which He has blessed us.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

— Julie C. Carey

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# Computers aid *Petit Jean* in meeting deadlines

by Russell Miller  
Bison staff writer

The 1992-93 *Petit Jean*, the Harding University yearbook, is in the final stages of production and according to Editor Tracey Johnson, when it rolls off of the presses this spring, it should be better than ever.

"This is the first year," Johnson said Friday, "that we've been able to put our work on computer disk instead of doing it the old-fashioned way, and that's been a tremendous help. Last year, and for all the years before that, everything was done literally by hand. And that created several problems that really made things difficult overall.

"First of all, there was the time factor. It was just so tedious, and it took so long to get things properly. Not only that, but it made it really hard to avoid mistakes because we never knew for sure what the finished pages were going to look like.

"We knew," Johnson said, "how we thought each individual page should look. But there was no way of seeing the final product until we sent the material and our instructions to the publisher and they sent back a proof of what they had done. Unfortunately, every time we made an error of some sort, they had to send the entire page back for a correction, and they charged us extra for that because we were holding up their printing schedule.

"This year, we've completely eliminated that problem as well as cut down the time factor considerably. Using the computers," Johnson continued, "we can design the page entirely on a disk and then print out a down-sized version of what the finished page is going to look like. That has allowed us to proofread the finished page for errors, rearrange photos and copy if we've needed to, and make any corrections or adjustments before the material ever reaches the publisher."

According to Johnson, the publishing company sets deadlines at approximately two to four week intervals, by which time the staff must have a set number of pages ready for publication.

"So far," Johnson added, "we have met our first two deadlines. And we are the first yearbook staff at Harding to do that in a long time. That's one of the reasons we are so excited about the new computer technology we've been given access to. The computers have already saved us a lot of time and expense by cutting down on errors, and in the long run, they're going to more than pay for themselves."

While she is not concerned about meeting the final deadline, Johnson said that the short amount of time that they are allotted to complete the book often creates some misconceptions.



**STAFF MEETING.** From left Darrin Irby, Jan Bonds, Tracey Johnson and Kay Gowen make sure everything is on schedule for this Monday's *Petit Jean* deadline. (photo by David Hickman)

"I think a lot of people assume," Johnson said, "that we have all year to work on this stuff and that we can continue taking pictures of different events up until the last month or so of school, and then just throw it all together in a few days. And that's simply not true. The publisher has told us that we absolutely must have everything in by Feb. 14 so they can have the yearbook completed and ready for shipment by mid-April. What that means, essentially, is that the yearbook will always cover the events which take place from February of one year to February of the next. Consequently," she added, "the pictures that you will see of Spring Sing in this year's annual will be those which were taken last year. There will also be some spring sports photos from last year in there. That's because so many of those things take place in March and April, and we have to go to press in February."

Johnson said she is not at liberty to discuss the theme of this year's *Petit Jean*, since that is always a well-kept secret until the spring chapel when the yearbook will be formally presented to the student body. She did say, however, that she thought the yearbook should be a "history book in pictures."

David Hickman, photographer for the *Petit Jean*, also served as this year's Bison photographer. Doing double duty,

Hickman said, has created some difficulties as well as some misunderstandings.

"When you open the yearbook next spring," Hickman said, "about 90 percent of the pictures will bear my photo credit. That's not because I wanted to take all the pictures in the yearbook. It's because we couldn't find anyone interested and qualified enough to help. So I pretty much wound up doing it by myself, as well as trying to cover things for the *Bison*."

Hickman continued, "Some misunderstandings accompany this position, too. People see me around campus all the time with a camera, and they assume that I'm going to be able to get a picture of everything. The problem is that I can only be in one place at a time. So there are probably going to be some people who are going to wonder why I didn't take a picture of this event or that event or why a certain program was left out. And the answer is simple: I just didn't have enough time. Shooting the pictures is only part of the process. For every roll of film I shoot, I have to develop and print the photographs, too. So time is always a factor."

Kay Gowen, *Petit Jean* advisor, said that approximately 3,100 copies of the yearbook have been ordered and that the total cost for the project will be around \$75,000. "And that," she said, "is a conservative estimate."

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## Harding opens campus to community; spreads Christmas cheer to children

Beth Smith  
Bison staff writer

Harding kicked off the Christmas season last Thursday night with an open house of sorts for the community. From 6-9 children and their parents swarmed the campus to see the Christmas lights, to hear Christmas carols, to drink hot chocolate or hot apple cider, to visit a petting zoo and of course, to sit on Santa Claus' knee.

Two Harding students, Glen Metheny and Kerri Hartman, were put in charge of the entire project. They did everything from going through each and every Christmas light, making sure that all the bulbs worked, and replacing the ones that didn't, to securing a Sicilian donkey for the petting zoo.

Others pitched in to help as well. Tracy Holmes used part of her Thanksgiving break to string the lights, ARA donated the hot chocolate and apple cider, and SA members turned out to make sure that everything went smoothly.

Metheny said, "We want the people of Searcy to see who we really are. We want them to know that we are not a bunch of rich snobs that are living off our parents' money. We want them to know that we care about them." This attitude became the focus of the evening.

Fifty Christmas trees were bought to be distributed among those families in the community who otherwise wouldn't have the means to get one this year. The housing authorities and His House were given the

trees to distribute.

Entertainment filled the evening. Four elementary schools — McRae, Kensett, West Side and Harding Academy — performed a Christmas program.

Also performing were Harding's own Pied Pipers and Harding Academy's Glorify Him.

Especially for the small children was the petting zoo, arranged by Hartman. The zoo included a Sicilian donkey, two kid goats, chickens and one rabbit.

The evening couldn't be complete without an appearance by Santa Claus, who was played by Dr. Ken Miller. He could be seen passing out candy canes or with a child on his knee.

One lady asked Hartman if this was the first time that this get together had been done. Hartman admitted that it was and the lady said, "Well, I hope that you do it again."

Hartman said, "We had a few problems, but they seemed to work themselves out; besides every year Harding has some sort of Christmas caroling and lights ceremony, so this year we made it a little bigger."

She continued, "All semester long during chapel, at devotionals and in our Bible classes, the emphasis has been on opening our circle. That is really all we wanted to do. We wanted to get the community on our campus and show them that we are thinking of them and that we do care."

When asked what this project did for her, Hartman said, "It made me feel good to see the community enjoying themselves. It was a great idea to get all those kids together."

## Exam to test students' graduate abilities

by Mark Drum  
Bison staff writer

This Saturday, many students will be put under academic fire to test their mental aptitude. The test, known as the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), is required by most graduate schools. According to the GRE 1992-93 Registration and Information Bulletin, "The GRE ... measures certain developed verbal, quantitative and analytical abilities that are important for academic achievement." Dr. Bob Kelly from the testing office says that the GRE tests knowledge as well as capacity.

There are two versions of the GRE. One version is the general test. This test covers a wide range of content. The other is the subject test. Sixteen subjects are offered for the subject exams.

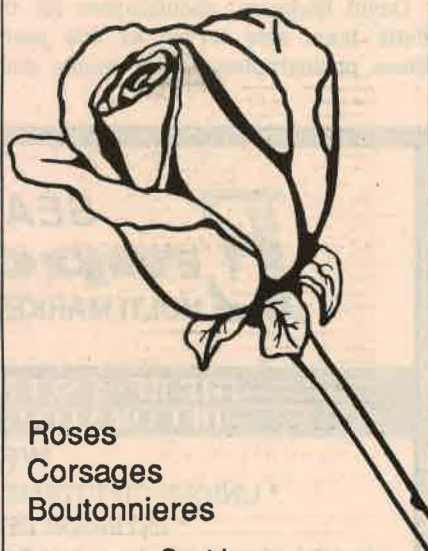
Most Harding students who go to graduate school take the GRE. The requirements vary from one institution to another. Students who plan to attend graduate school should pick half a dozen institutions and ask what the requirements are before taking the test. The test should be taken during the senior year although some juniors take it as well. Kelly said that students will do better by taking the GRE in the fall semester because most of the financial aid is awarded in early spring.

Graduate schools look at GRE scores as well as students' undergraduate records and letters of recommendation to determine their readiness to enter the graduate school. The GRE scores are frequently used for awarding scholarships and assistantships for masters and doctoral programs. Also, many universities use the scores in diagnostic ways. The scores earned may be used to determine course work. The higher scores may allow students to skip preliminary classes.

To prepare for the GRE, material is available in the library and can be ordered

in the bookstore. "In my judgement, those materials may be worthwhile," said Kelly. The testing office doesn't have any of the testing material because they administer the test. The office does provide the GRE Registration and Information Bulletin which is located in the Mabey Building, room 206.

Kelly said, "Although workshops are available to prepare examinees for the GRE, students should use caution before accepting the guarantees of increasing scores by wide margins, because basically the academic preparation is going to be more important than a three hour workshop.



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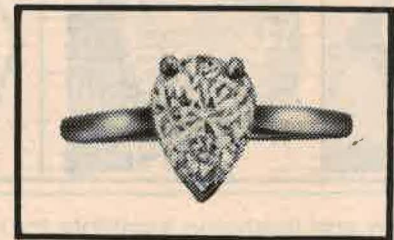
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## Nerdly Greenback returns for Christmas



**JINGLE WHAT?** Dr. Don Diffine, professor of economics and humorist-at-large as the patriotic Nerdly Greenback, won some laughs and lost some during his recent chapel program. (photo by David Hickman)

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# Students reveal plans, wish lists for holiday

by Mikki Jacobs  
Bison staff writer

Finals are just around the corner, but so is Christmas, and students have much more on their minds than just making A's. Here are a few students' aspirations for the Christmas season.

"I am going with my family on an hour drive, cramped in a station wagon just to go to look at Christmas lights. I want Mel Gibson in my stocking."

Angelique Comstock; sophomore;  
elementary education major;  
Atlanta, Texas

"I am going to a resort in the mountains to go skiing. I just want to spend some time with my family and friends and relax."

Jami Dwight; sophomore;  
math major;  
Fredericksburg, Va.

"I am going home to spend time with family and friends and also possibly moving. There is nothing in particular I want except to just be home and relax."

Karla Fisher; sophomore;  
elementary education major;  
Delmar, Del.

"I am going home for Christmas. I will work during the break and spend time with my family. For Christmas, I want all A's and a ton of new clothes."

Angie K. Lane; sophomore;  
elementary education major;  
Bartlett, Tenn.

"I live in Searcy, and we will have a family Christmas. I would like to get my own car."

Jennifer Ferguson; freshman;  
undecided;  
Searcy, Ark.

"I have a ton of family that lives in Arkansas, so I will happily go home for three weeks. I would like enough money to pay for school."

Tony Martin; sophomore;  
chemical engineering;  
San Antonio, Texas

"I am going home for a Christmas with only my family. I want to be with my

girlfriend for Christmas."

Daryl Johnson; freshman;  
undecided;  
North Little Rock, Ark.

"I am spending time with my family in Rose Bud, Ark., and I am going to smile a lot and be thankful for the family God blessed me with. I wish I could have my brother, who is off in Orlando, Fla. on the Navy base, with me for Christmas."

Salem Islas; sophomore;  
speech pathology major;  
Rose Bud, Ark.

"I am going to Dallas for Christmas. For Christmas, I would like to call my family back home for a long time."

Nikki Baker; freshman;  
accounting major;  
Melbourne, Australia

"I am spending Christmas with mine and my husband's family. I would like to have some extra money to help a family I know that lost their house and are living in their car."

Linda Browning; sophomore;  
nursing major;  
Des Arc, Ark.

"I am spending Christmas with my family and friends back home. For Christmas, I want money and a greater love for my fellow man."

Scott Balentine; freshman;  
Bible major;  
St. Louis, Mo.

"I am going home to my family. I want a paid hunting trip to some of my family's land in Colorado."

Clay Beason; freshman;  
math major;  
Forney, Texas

"I am going home, then my family will travel around together to see friends and relatives. I would like a little money and some time to relax and enjoy my friends' and family's company."

Jessica Beltzer; freshman;  
nursing major;  
Dayton, Ohio

"I want to spend a relaxing vacation at home with my friends and family."

Leslie Benke; sophomore;  
elementary education major;  
Bull Shoals, Ark.

"I am going to my in-laws' to hunt rabbits and then going to my parents' house. I just want to relax! I do not care what I get."

Steve Bennett; senior;  
biology major;  
Columbiana, Ohio

"I am going home to West Virginia. I want to spend lots of time with family and friends."

Melissa Carr; freshman;  
undecided;  
Vienna, W. Va.

"I will be staying here in Arkansas with my family. I would like to see my aunt and uncle from Alaska and my cousins."

Courtney Caplener; freshman;  
speech pathology major;  
Bald Knob, Ark.

"I am going home for Christmas and spending time with my family and friends. I just want to have a fun and memorable holiday at home and some presents would be nice."

Johnna Burnett; freshman;  
nursing major;  
St. Louis, Mo.

"I am going to Bangs, Texas, for a wedding, California for a week, then to Jamaica for a week. I would like some sleep, and to see some sand and ocean water."

Georgia Crowson; freshman;  
public relations major;  
Diamond Bar, Calif.

"I am going home and am going to have an awesome time. For Christmas, I would

like to sleep and have a great time with my friends and family."

Becki Folkerts; freshman;  
nursing major;  
Shelby Township, Mich.

"I am meeting my family in Atlanta (three children and six grandchildren) for a family Christmas at the home of our youngest daughter and her family. For Christmas, I want to enjoy our family holiday traditions and to see the excitement, enjoyment and love for family sharing, the giving and receiving of gifts as well as with each other. I also want to watch the special excitement for our grandchildren."

George H. Oliver; associate professor  
for the School of Business

"I am going to Dallas, then I am in a wedding in Nashville on Jan. 2. I want sympathy from all my teachers during final grading."

Brent Goodwin; senior;  
professional sales major;  
Chicago, Ill.

"I am going home to be with my family. I want a new drum set and gong with a set of sleigh bells."

Joe McClary; junior;  
computer information systems major;  
St. Louis, Mo.

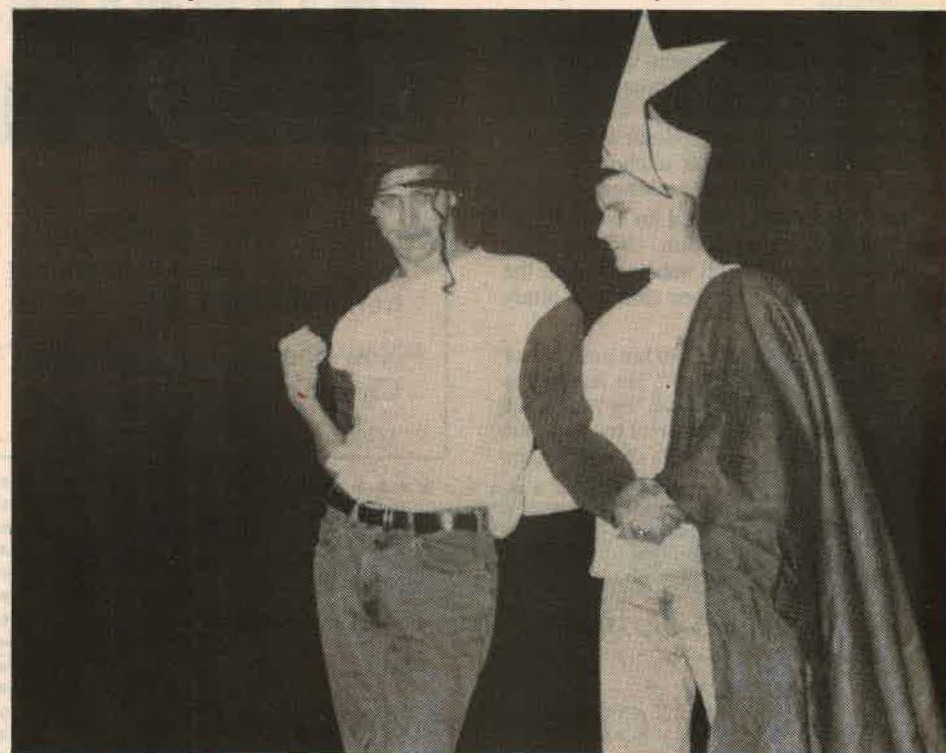
"For Christmas, I am going home to Atlanta to get my wisdom teeth taken out. I would like money as a gift."

Walker Hall; senior;  
economics major;  
Atlanta, Ga.

"I am going home and to Chicago to see my brother. I'd like to get money, clothes, guitar equipment, compact discs and tapes."

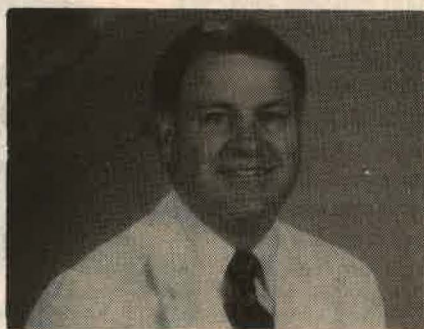
James Carter; junior;  
business management major;  
St. Louis, Mo.

## Holiday skit features fairy princess



**FLY TO THE ANGELS.** The king, played by junior Rick Chitty, right, encourages his flighty daughter, played in drag by freshman Darrell Simek, to marry a smart guy, but his plans backfire in Monday's holiday skit. (photo by David Hickman)

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# Student-directed play sends two to nationals

by Jane Ann Gregory and Julie C. Carey  
Bison staff writer      Bison copy editor

Rehearsals began the first Monday of the semester and continued for eight weeks with only a break taken for the homecoming musical. For three student participants of *Watch on the Rhine*, these long hours proved beneficial.

This Lillian Hellman play was taken to the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in Clarksville with Jamey Jamison, a senior theater major from Longview, Texas, directing the production. Dr. Morris Ellis, director of the drama department, stated that the critic at the competition said that she knew Ph.D. students who would love the opportunity to direct a play for such an event.

Jamison was very enthusiastic about his part in the play. "I had directed two plays last year for the university," he said. This was his first full three-act play to direct, so there was a different type of challenge there.

*Watch on the Rhine* is set in the 1940s just before America enters World War II. Jennifer Watrous, a senior art major from Bozeman, Mont., said the undercurrent thoughts are of the changing world at the time. Watrous also said that Ellis enlightened the cast to the fact that this play gives a message about traumatic change.

Watrous and Ben Howe, a freshman theater major from Atlanta, Ga., both received nominations to compete for the Irene Ryan scholarship Feb. 24-27. Two people from each play are chosen to compete. From *Watch on the Rhine*, the critic who judged the competition chose one actor and Ellis chose the other. About the nomination Watrous said, "I'm really excited because I've gone three times before and have been nominated twice. This year I'm getting the chance to go." Howe said that he was excited and honored to be nominated for this competition.

Watrous and Howe will each choose a monologue and a mini-scene with the partner of his/her choice. Watrous has chosen Carrie Brown as her partner. "We work well together," Watrous said. Howe has his options narrowed to a couple of choices but no definite partner has been chosen.

The competition, named for Irene Ryan, who played Granny on the *Beverly Hillbillies*, offers a full scholarship to the winner's school of his/her choice to study drama.

Jamison continually asked himself, "How do we keep it interesting?" He needed to keep the audience intrigued. He said that Hellman's plays are wonderful to read, but they are wordy. To meet this challenge, the



**EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE.** Fanny Forrelly, played by Jennifer Watrous, condemns Tech deBrancovis (Andy Neely) for trying to blackmail Kurt Muller (Ben Howe) in *Watch on the Rhine*. Watrous was one of two chosen to participate in a national drama scholarship competition. (photo by PR Office)

cast had to network blocking, choreograph movements so they flow well.

The cast of the play was 90 percent freshman, according to Jamison, who also added that this figure is not commonplace.

Watrous was the only senior, but she enjoyed working with those who were fresh to college theater. Jamison was also excited about what the freshman have done, adding that

Harding's theater is growing.

*Watch on the Rhine* had a three night run on campus before the cast took the play to competition.

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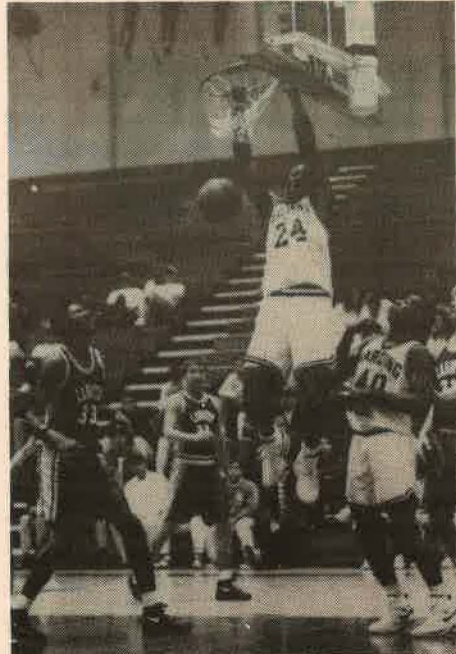
## Bisons return with experienced team

by Marquis Jackson  
Bison sports writer

With the football season behind us, the Bison basketball team has taken center court. Under the direction of third-year head coach Nicky Boyd, the Bisons are said to have a lot of potential.

"We have a total of six seniors on this year's team," said Boyd. "We're playing a lot better defensively than we did last year. With the experience and the overall playing ability of the team, I'm hoping for a winning season."

Team captains for the 1992-93 season are seniors Thomas Nesbitt from Memphis,



**TAKE THIS.** Senior Thomas Nesbitt makes Lambuth pay early in the season while junior Keith Nelson admires the move. (photo by PR Office)

Tenn.; Morris Williams from North Little Rock, Ark.; and Ronnie Brothers from West Monroe, La.

"As a team captain, I'm expected to display leadership," said Brothers. "I'm also expected to help make sure that players are staying out of trouble, keeping up in their classes and taking care of themselves. I'm proud to have been chosen as a captain, and I will do my best to show that I deserve the honor."

Other seniors include Jason Atkins from Memphis, Tenn.; Keith Nelson from Minden, La.; and James O'Claire from Mobile, Ala.

Fan support plays a big factor during a game. "Fan support really helps a lot," said Ryan Tandy, a sophomore from Wichita, Kan. "There is nothing like being out there on the court and hearing shouts and cheers of encouragement. The fans help motivate us and keep us going during the ups and downs of the games, and in return we give 110 percent."

Freshman Jason Cooper from Searcy has been a starter for most of the Bison games so far. "When I first joined the team, I thought I had a good shot at getting playing time, but I didn't think I'd be a starter," said Cooper. "I feel that throughout the course of the eight games we've played so far this season, I've proven myself not only to Coach Boyd but also my teammates. If we continue to work more as a team and less as individuals, there's no telling how far we'll end up going."

Other members of the team include junior Tim Lewis, sophomore Sigmond Donelson and freshmen Thomas Norphlet and Tiago Lewis.

Serving on Boyd's staff are assistant coach David Todd, graduate assistant David James, student assistants Brian Bequette and Chris Harris and trainer Harry Starnes.

## Lady Bisons face tough AIC competition

by Michele Hasty  
Bison sports writer

Lady Bison basketball head coach Greg Harnden is optimistic about this year's basketball season. "Last year we had a really good season, and with four starters back, we are in a position to have another great year."

The Lady Bisons ended their season with a 21-9 record last year. They finished fourth in the AIC conference after losing in the playoffs to Arkansas Tech, the NAIA defending national champions.

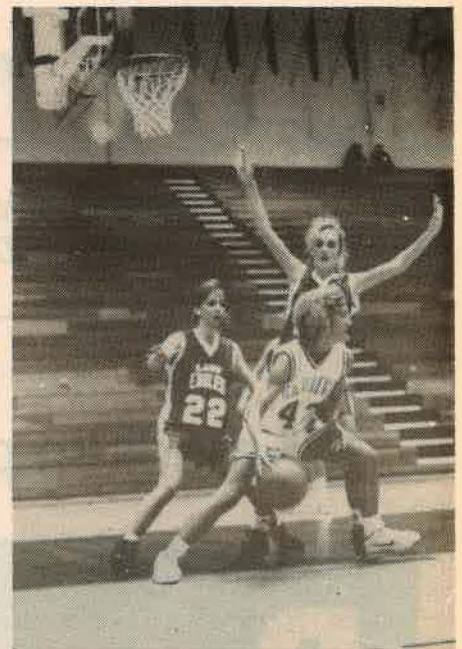
According to Harnden, Tech and UAM are two of the toughest competitors that Harding will face this year. "They both had a good recruiting year, and Arkansas Tech is rated to win the conference title again."

Harding is off to a good start with only one loss on this season's record to nationally fifth-ranked Union University. Harding has had big wins over Freed-Hardeman University and Philander Smith College.

The Lady Bisons also won their only conference game of the season so far against Henderson State. The Lady Bisons were down 59 to 71 with less than eight minutes on the clock and came back to win the game, outscoring Henderson 22-4 in the last few minutes. Harnden said, "The team is where they need to be with a 1-0 conference record in December."

Harding's style of play is similar to last year's, according to Harnden. "We are forced to play an extremely up-tempo game because of the 30-second clock," he said. "We run a motion offense and 95 percent of our defense is man-to-man. Our defense is much stronger than last year's."

The team's four returning starters include Kymm Hudson, Nancee Wilson, Jama Holman and Cindy Camp. Hudson was an All-AIC and All-District 17 player and



**PATIENCE AT POST.** Sophomore Sissy Reaper pulls the ball back out against Lambuth until her teammates arrive. (photo by PR Office)

Harding's leading scorer last year.

According to Harnden, "Wilson has shattered every rebounding record that existed at Harding, and she is returning with an increased shooting range that is important to the type of ball we play."

"Holman was the leading assist player last year and is returning to run the club following shoulder surgery in the off-season. Cindy Camp is the fourth returning starter, an all-around player who is very important to the team."

## Football team ends winning streak in playoffs

by Ben Patterson  
Bison sports writer

The Harding University Bison football team ended their season ranked seventh in the country, with a 7-4 record.

The team reached their goal of making the national playoffs but were defeated by number one ranked Central State of Ohio 34-0 in the first round. "I was disappointed in the last game," said team member Matt Claborn.

However, the team won their last five games of the regular season just to make the playoffs. "I felt like we played well at the end of the season," said Claborn. "We came together as a team."

Offensively, the Bisons were ranked tenth in the nation in passing. Quarterback Paul Mann set four school records. The offensive line was consistent all year. "The new line did a really good job," said Claborn. "The quarterback hardly ever got sacked." Defensively, the team was ranked in the top ten. In pass defense, Harding was ranked second in the country. "I was really pleased with the play on both sides of the ball," said head coach Larry Richmond.

The Bisons started the year off slowly, winning just two of their first five games. According to team member Ron Sparkman, the sluggish start was due to inexperience. They, then, ran off with five straight victories. "We didn't quit after starting 2-3," said Sparkman. "We got to the playoffs and that was our goal." Claborn agreed. "We fought really hard all year long," he said. "We never gave up." Richmond added, "I was proud of the way the team came back from adversity."

The high point of the season, according to Richmond, was beating Southern Arkansas University, then having to wait a day before



**DISAPPOINTMENT.** In Harding's first-ever home playoff appearance, the Bisons could only watch as first ranked Central State (Ohio) steamrolled to victory.

(photo by Jeff Montgomery)

finding out that they clinched a berth in the national playoffs. Another high point of the season was winning the Homecoming game, said Richmond.

Next year, the Bisons are looking for an even better season, especially since this one was supposed to be a rebuilding year. "We have an excellent group of 12 seniors returning next year," said Richmond. "It's a good nucleus to build around." Sparkman expects

the team to be "a lot better next year. We won't start off slowly like we did this year." Claborn looks for a better team overall. "We should be closer knit," he said. Claborn expects to go back to the playoffs next year, advancing past the first round. "Hopefully, the second or third or final round," he said. Sparkman summed up what he and perhaps the rest of the team anticipates for next year in three words: "Strong national contender."

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